

★ Heat Conduction & Separation of Variables

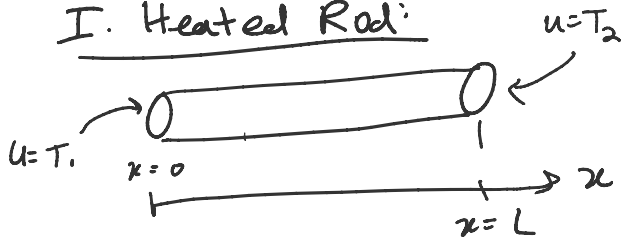
Def: A partial differential equation (PDE) is one containing one or more partial derivatives of a fun of multiple variables

Ex:  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \iff u_t = u_x$

$u_t = u u_x \quad (u(t, x))$

$u_t = u_{xx} + u_{yy} \quad (u(t, x, y))$

I. Heated Rod:



$u(x, t)$  - temperature of rod

1D-Heat Equation:

$u_t = k u_{xx}$  on  $0 \leq x \leq L, t > 0$

Here  $k$  is called thermal diffusivity ( $k > 0$ )

Boundary Conditions (BC)

$$\begin{cases} u(0, t) = T_1 & \text{left side temp fixed at } T_1 \\ u(L, t) = T_2 & \text{right side fixed} \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) & \text{initial temp @ } t=0 \end{cases}$$

Put it all together:

$$(*) \begin{cases} u_t = k u_{xx} & \text{on } 0 \leq x \leq L, t > 0 \\ u(0, t) = T_1 \\ u(L, t) = T_2 \\ u(x, 0) = f(x) \end{cases}$$

Boundary Value Problem (BVP)

Def: If  $u(0, t) = u(L, t) = 0$  we call it homogeneous BC

Note: The heat equation  $u_t = k u_{xx}$  is linear, so the principle of superposition still holds:

if  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots$  solve  $(*)$  with homogeneous BC  
 $\infty$   $\dots$  solves  $(*)$

if  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots$  solve (\*) with homogeneous ...  
 then  $u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n u_n(x,t)$  also solves (\*)

provided

1. the series converges
2. the series satisfies the initial condition
3.  $u(x,t)$  is continuous.

## II Method of Separation of Variables:

To solve: 
$$\begin{cases} u_t = k u_{xx} \\ u(0,t) = u(L,t) = 0 \\ u(x,0) = f(x) \end{cases}$$

Key step: Assume that  $u(x,t)$  can be separated into 2 parts

$$u(x,t) = \underbrace{X(x)}_{\text{fun of only } x} \underbrace{T(t)}_{\text{fun of only } t}$$

Intuition: What happens in  $x$  doesn't directly affect what happens in  $t$

Let's plug into PDE

$$u_t = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (X(x)T(t)) = X \left[ \frac{dT}{dt} \right] = X T'$$

$$u_x = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (X(x)T(t)) = \left[ \frac{dX}{dx} \right] T = X' T$$

$$u_{xx} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (X T) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (X' T) = X'' T$$

so now  $u_t = k u_{xx}$

$$X T' = k X'' T$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T'}{k T}}$$

This holds for all  $t$  and  $x$

put all  $X$  terms on one side and  $t$  terms on other

key step:  $\frac{X''}{X} = f(x)$  and  $\frac{T'}{kT} = g(t)$

if  $f(x) = g(t)$  for all  $x$  and all  $t$   
 only if  $f(x) = g(t) = \text{constant}$

Write  $\frac{X''}{X} = \frac{T'}{kT} = -\lambda$

choose  $-\lambda$  for convenience  
 $\lambda$  is called the separation constant

$$\frac{X''}{X} = -\lambda$$

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0$$

$$\frac{T'}{kT} = -\lambda$$

$$T' + k\lambda T = 0$$

Before we solve these ODEs, let's figure out the BC

$$u(0, t) = 0 = X(0)T(t) \Rightarrow X(0) = 0$$

$$u(L, t) = 0 = X(L)T(t) \Rightarrow X(L) = 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) = X(x)T(0) \Rightarrow T(0) \neq 0$$

$$\begin{cases} X'' + \lambda X = 0 \\ X(0) = X(L) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} T' + k\lambda T = 0 \\ T(0) \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

endpoint problem

Let's solve the  $X$  equation first

$$X'' + \lambda X = 0$$

$$X(0) = X(L) = 0$$

$$\lambda > 0$$

$$X(x) = C_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} x) + C_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} x)$$

plug in BC

$$X(0) = C_1 \cos(0) + C_2 \sin(0) = 0 \Rightarrow C_1 = 0$$

$$X(L) = C_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} L) = 0$$

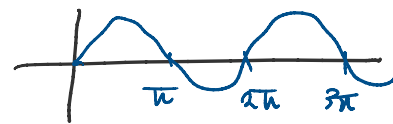
$$X(0) = C_1 \cos(\sqrt{\lambda} \cdot 0) = C_1 \cdot 1 = \dots$$

$$X(L) = C_2 \sin(\sqrt{\lambda} L) = 0$$

$$\sin(\sqrt{\lambda} L) = 0$$

$$\sqrt{\lambda} L = n\pi \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\lambda = \left(\frac{n\pi}{L}\right)^2 = \frac{n^2\pi^2}{L^2}$$



family of solns:

$$X_n = C_2 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Note:

$$X_n'' = -\lambda_n X_n$$

$\lambda_n = \frac{n^2\pi^2}{L^2}$  is an eigenvalue

and  $X_n$  is an eigenfunction

Now let's solve for  $T$

$$T' + k\lambda T = 0$$

$$\lambda_n = \frac{n^2\pi^2}{L^2}$$

$$T' = -\frac{kn^2\pi^2}{L^2} T \quad \leftarrow \text{exponential fun}$$

$$T_n = \exp\left(-kn^2\pi^2 t / L^2\right) \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

put it all together

$$u(x,t) = X T$$

$$u_n(x,t) = X_n T_n = e^{-kn^2\pi^2 t / L^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad n=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

general soln  $\rightarrow$  sum over all  $n \rightarrow$  principle of superposition

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e^{-kn^2\pi^2 t / L^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

Needs to satisfy initial condition

$$u(x,0) = f(x)$$

Fourier sine

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$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) = f(x)$$

Fourier sine series of  $f(x)$

So: 
$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

So our final solution is:

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e^{-kn^2\pi^2 t/L^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

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Ex:

$$\begin{cases} u_x = 3uxx & \text{on } 0 < x < \pi, t > 0 \\ u(0,t) = u(\pi,t) = 0 \\ u(x,0) = 4\sin(2x) \end{cases}$$



Here  $k=3$   $L=\pi$

$$f(x) = 4\sin(2x)$$

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e^{-kn^2\pi^2 t/L^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e^{-3n^2\pi^2 t/\pi^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{\pi}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e^{-3n^2 t} \sin(nx)$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L f(x) \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

$$= 2 \int_0^{\pi} 4 \sin(2x) \sin(nx) dx$$

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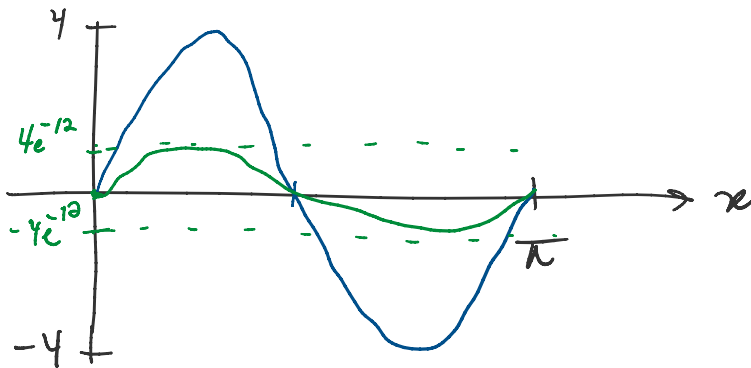
use orthogonality of  $\sin(nx)$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \sin(mx) \sin(nx) dx = \begin{cases} \pi & n=m \\ 0 & n \neq m \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{2 \cdot 4}{\pi} \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} & n=2 \\ 0 & n \neq 2 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 4 & \text{if } n=2 \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$u(x,t) = b_2 e^{-3(2)^2 t} \sin(2x)$$

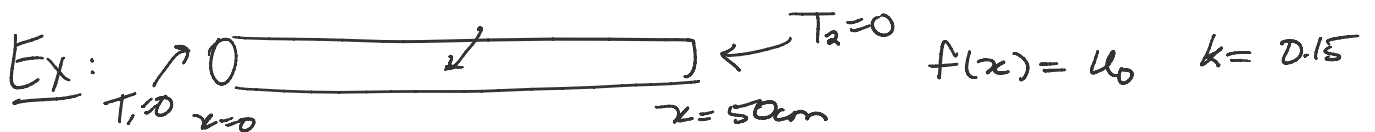
$$u(x,t) = 4 e^{-12t} \sin(2x)$$



②  $t=0 \quad u(x,0) = 4 \sin(2x)$

③  $t=1 \quad u = 4e^{-12} \sin(2x)$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$   
 $e^{-12t} \rightarrow 0$   
 $u(x,t) \rightarrow 0$



Rod of length  $L = 50\text{cm}$ , is immersed in steam until its temperature  $u_0 = 100^\circ\text{C}$ .

At time  $t=0$ , its two ends are immersed in ice at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ .

Calculate the rod's temperature at its midpoint after  $t = 30\text{min}$  if its made of iron.

Egns:  $\begin{cases} u_t = k u_{xx} = 0.15 u_{xx} \\ u(0,t) = u(50,t) = 0 \end{cases}$  ← homogeneous BC

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$$\begin{cases} u_t = k u_{xx} = 0.15 u_{xx} \\ u(0,t) = u(50,t) = 0 \\ u(x,0) = u_0 = 100 \end{cases} \quad \leftarrow \text{homogeneous BC}$$

$$L=50, k=0.15$$

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e^{-kn^2\pi^2 t/L^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

where

$$b_n = \frac{2}{L} \int_0^L u_0 \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) dx$$

$$= \frac{2u_0}{L} \left[ -\frac{\cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)}{\frac{n\pi}{L}} \right]_0^L$$

$$= \frac{2u_0}{L} \left(\frac{L}{n\pi}\right) \left[ -\cos\left(\frac{n\pi L}{L}\right) + \cos(0) \right]$$

$$= \frac{2u_0}{n\pi} \left[ -(-1)^n + 1 \right] = \begin{cases} \frac{4u_0}{n\pi} & \text{if } n \text{ odd} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{n \text{ odd}} \frac{4u_0}{n\pi} e^{-kn^2\pi^2 t/L^2} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

where  $k = 0.15$ ,  $u_0 = 100^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $L = 50\text{cm}$

Find the temp at  $t = 30 \text{ min} = 1800\text{s}$   
at  $x = \frac{L}{2} = 25\text{cm}$

Write out first few terms

$$u(25, 1800) \approx \frac{4(100)}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{1} e^{-0.15(1)^2\pi^2(1800)/(50)^2} \sin\left(\frac{(1)\pi}{2}\right) \right.$$

$$+ \frac{1}{3} e^{-0.15(3)^2\pi^2(1800)/(50)^2} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\left. + \frac{1}{5} e^{-0.15(5)^2\pi^2(1800)/(50)^2} \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{2}\right) + \dots \right]$$

$$\approx 43.8519 - 0.0029 + 3.4e^{-10} + \dots$$

$$\approx \boxed{43.85^\circ\text{C}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{temp at } t=30\text{min} \\ \text{at } x=\frac{L}{2} \end{array}$$